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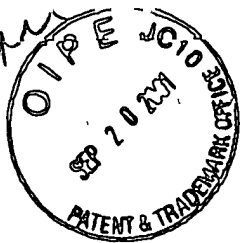
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In re the Application of:

Hiroaki Niimi, et al.

Serial No: 09/885,744

Filed: 06/20/01

For: Method for Annealing Ultra-Thin, High Quality Gate Oxide Layers Using Oxidizer/Hydrogen Mixtures

Docket No.: TI-32705

Art Unit: 2812

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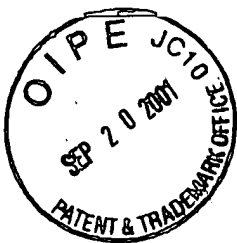
Please find enclosed the Declaration/Power of Attorney (2 pages), an Assignment with Form PTO 1595 and formal drawings for the above-referenced case. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required. **This sheet is submitted in triplicate.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are **FIVE (5)** sheets of formal drawings for the above-referenced case.  
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